# **Export-Import Bank** of the United States

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#### U.S. Ex-Im Bank

- Independent agency of the U.S. government.
- Established in 1934 to finance the export sales of goods and services produced in the U.S.
- Supports short, medium, and long-term financing to creditworthy international customers, and working capital guarantees to U.S. exporters.
- Special support for renewable energy projects.
- No minimum nor maximum project size.

#### **Ex-Im Bank and China**

- Continuous relationship since 1981.
- Ex-Im Bank's largest customer with \$6.3 billion in outstanding loans, guarantees, and insurance.
- Primary sectors of support include aircraft and power generation equipment.
- Business done mainly through banks approved by China to do international transactions.
- Ex-Im Bank has operating agreements with the Bank of China, China Development Bank, also works with others.

#### **Clean Energy MOU**

- MOU signed between Ex-Im Bank, U.S. DOE, China Development Bank ("CDB"), State Planning Commission.
- Focus to identify, assess, and implement projects to showcase innovative U.S. clean energy technologies.
- Ex-Im Bank will support the most favorable terms allowed under OECD guidelines.
- CDB will be the borrower under the program upon approval of the transaction by the State Planning Commission.

#### REPAYMENT TERMS

Contract price

less than \$80,000

\$80,001 - \$175,000

**\$175,001 - \$35**0,000

more than \$350,000

Maximum term

2 years

3 years

4 years

5 to 12 years

## **Loan & Guarantee Program**

- Ex-Im Bank provides Direct Loans and Guarantees loans made by commercial banks.
- Environmental projects are offered enhancements:
  - Maximum OECD repayment term of 10-12 years.
  - Capitalization of interest during construction.
  - Up to 15% local cost support within the U.S. scope of supply.

## Case Study: Daisibi Environmental

- Ex-Im Bank enabled Daisibi Environmental Corp. to win a \$5.2MM contract for air quality monitoring stations in 11 Chinese cities.
- Ex-Im Bank supported enhancements to the Loan:
  - maximum allowable OECD repayment term of 10 years
  - capitalized interest during construction
  - \*15% local cost.
- Bank of America ("B of A") structured an interest rate "buydown" of 3.9% critical for the transaction approval.
- Ex-Im Bank provided a guarantee to B of A who made the loan to the China Construction Bank who financed the deal for China's State Environmental Protection Agency.

## **Tied Aid Capital Projects Fund**

- A U.S. trade policy tool aimed at countering "trade-distorting" foreign tied aid offers.
- → Tied aid is government-to-government concessional financing of public sector projects in developing countries.
- Ex-Im Bank will consider "matching" a tied aid offer if OECD agreement is not reached.

## **Case Study: Zond Systems**

- **◆ Ex-Im Bank made a Direct Loan of \$12.5MM to finance 3 wind energy projects for Zond Systems, Inc. in China that matched Danish "soft loan" terms.**
- Direct Loan made to the Bank of China at an interest rate of 0.0% and 0.75%, respectively.
- **Ex-Im Bank support enabled China's power companies to base their selection on technology and quality.**

#### Conclusion

- Clean energy projects are a top priority of Ex-Im Bank.
- Ex-Im Bank will match soft loan terms offered by other governments for clean energy technologies.
- Ex-Im Bank is interested in any size project,
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